

BFS FSL Position Announcement

Official Position Title: Program Officer, Backstop 02, FSL-02

Functional Title: Senior Advisor

Location of Position: U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security, Office of the Assistant to the Administrator

Position Grade: FSL-02

Salary Range: \$103,783 to \$152,409

Position Closing Date: Jan 4, 2017, 11:59 PM, EST

Description of the Bureau: The USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) leads coordination and implementation of Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. BFS brings together programmatic, technical, and regional expertise from throughout USAID to assist 19 Feed the Future focus countries and additional aligned countries and regional programs with strategic design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. BFS coordinates Feed the Future's 10 additional U.S. Government partner agencies and departments, most recently on development and implementation of the new U.S. Government [Global Food Security Strategy](#). This strategy, delivered to Congress as a requirement of the Global Food Security Act of 2016, charts how U.S. Government partners will support developing countries over the next five years to achieve lasting progress in food security and nutrition.

Description of Office and Team: The Assistant to the Administrator leads USAID's Bureau for Food Security and Feed the Future (FTF), the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. With a focus on smallholder farmers, particularly women, FTF efforts are rooted in partnership and driven by country-led priorities. The Assistant to the Administrator oversees an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion and 160 Washington-based staff who guide FTF strategic design and implementation in 29 countries. The Assistant to the Administrator leads FTF to draw on the programmatic, technical and regional strengths of 11 federal agencies, while leveraging resources and efforts of other donors, multilateral organizations, the private sector, civil society, universities, research institutions and other stakeholders to accelerate inclusive agricultural growth to increase incomes, reduce hunger, poverty and undernutrition.

Description of Position: The Senior Advisor for BFS will advise the Assistant to the Administrator and senior leadership, including the Chief Scientist and three Deputy Assistant Administrators. The incumbent in the position will oversee the implementation of the U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy as submitted to Congress on September 30, 2016, which will include overseeing the entirety of its roll-out and implementation across USAID, our Missions, the interagency, and with our private and public sector stakeholders. The Senior Advisor will report to the Assistant to the Administrator, and supervise support staff, including the Bureau's Special Assistant.

Description of Key Duties: The most significant duty of the Senior Advisor will be to support implementation of the Global Food Security Strategy. Duties will also include: leading strategic initiatives on behalf of the Assistant to the Administrator on the senior leadership team; overseeing stakeholder engagement including civil society, public sector and interagency outreach; managing Bureau priorities and workflow; and ensuring clear actions and follow up from key meetings.

Qualifications Required:

- 1) Experience overseeing the implementation of global development strategies
- 2) Experience coordinating across USAID in Washington/Missions and with interagency
- 3) Strong communications and outreach skills
- 4) Strong writing, listening and verbal communication skills
- 6) Strong technical understanding of Feed the Future and broader food security issues
- 7) Management and leadership skills to effectively manage Bureau priorities and workflow

Eligibility: Only U.S. Citizens may apply.

Veteran's Preference: BFS will consider veteran's preference eligibility as a positive factor in making FSL selections. Applicants eligible for veteran's preference must include that information in their cover letter and should attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions.

Application Instructions: Please send detailed CV, cover letter and any supporting documentation to bfsjobs@usaid.gov with the position's official and functional titles in the e-mail subject line, by the position closing date listed above.

In your cover letter, please also:

1. indicate your U.S. citizenship status
2. indicate your veteran's status, if any, and
3. include contact information (name, title, organization, e-mail and telephone) for three references, one of whom must be a current or former supervisor.

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